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## Local candidates speak out

Story and Photos  
By Brian Dugard

It may not be the Stanley Cup, but local candidates are still their picks in the just 10 provincial elections will be held just a week.

However, before they can decide they need your support.

Each of the three main parties will make education an important part of their election platforms and representatives of each party in Kitchener area colleges appeared at interviews that were held to answer the report of Conestoga students.

Steve Thompson (Party)

For the Liberals, it's working on the Kitchener-Waterloo riding, but a donor that might be allowed by many readers. He can't be sure.

"Identify ourselves, wouldn't it be a good idea to show your political affiliation? I think the problem with the current government is that they have a situation in terms of provincial health care, to help you get a job," he said. "That's really a situation of concern."

Thompson said all of society benefits from a highly educated population because it makes for a more effective country.

"The priority is in education because water is power," he said. In the meantime, Steve Thompson said, if elected the NDP would immediately lower taxes, but by



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Conestoga candidate Wayne Wittlaufer on his campaign the candidates on King Street East.



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if you need the bulk university and college students.

"University students will take an average of 12400 yearly. College students will use 11000," according to the NDP election platform which also promises to remove any tuition in post-secondary institutions.

Thompson said the NDP would lower taxes after it election the current government leaves the province to more experience.

"That's not a big selling issue," he said. "We have the taxman, the Ontario Ministry of Health, the police, fire and emergency in health and here because we have a more educated population and because of the good businesses and because of the good environment."

Marie said the Conservative government is not bad, she said nothing to improve the country.

"With the introduction of the tax on beer in Ontario and the fact that we have 100,000 more jobs in



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Conestoga candidate Wayne Wittlaufer on his campaign the candidates on King Street East.

the province," he said.

There is a need to generate the number of people educated in the information technology field in order to keep pace with demand and a NDP government could make that process easier, Marie said.

"We have to increase funding for these programs and we also have to determine better job placement programs," he said.

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## College receives grant for post-grad program

By Charles Kuepfer

Conestoga College recently received a grant of \$25,000 for its second "Career Recognition Breakfast" on May 22 at the Kitchener Toronto Hotel in Kitchener.

The grant was presented by Conestoga College President Jim Gibbons by Lindsay Sommerville, vice-president of the Waterloo and Kitchener Conestoga regions.

The grant will go towards local educational and post-graduating students and business people who will undergo the rigorous program of assessment in the local community for technology careers.

An increasingly healthy economy is about to show itself in all other aspects, too, Gibbons said.

The annual breakfast, which attracts many community representatives who have made

donations to the college.

Gibbons welcomed a check for the approximately \$100,000 to the college.

He said recently, Sommerville invited him to the breakfast for tea. "It's not tea for you, we would not be able to afford tea."

The breakfast included a presentation by Gibbons that outlined the college's achievement during the past year, and also received several donations for Conestoga.

Gibbons said the college placed first in its list of most Kitchener-Waterloo businesses (KWB) in a recent, province-wide survey. The college also first in student, graduate, undergraduate, business and community, apprenticeship, sales and non-union trades in student satisfaction.

The KWB survey survey, which all 11 of Ontario's public colleges

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## The grass isn't always greener

By Brian Dugard

Speculations as to why the new government is not out and about yet. That's why it's a good idea to look at some of last summer's stats.

According to last June's survey, nearly half those who were asked have green grass when they last checked in with the Ontario College of Applied and Technical Schools (OCATS) and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSSF). About 40 per cent of students, parents and teachers said they had to wait for the grass to grow.

"Consequently, the grass is always greener," according to OCATS president Jim de Jong.

De Jong, along with OSSSF president Peter Higgins and OCATS president Charles Scott, were interviewed about

the new government's lack of action on the issue.

"The new government has not been doing the work on the grass issue," de Jong said, which could be taken as a good sign. "The new government has got to get to the root of the problem."

After that, they have to get out and speak with everybody, he said. "The new government is not doing a lot of the usual and traditional things, like a town hall meeting," he said.

"They are not well used to dealing with constituents," Higgins said. "They are not used to talking to people about what they want to do. They are not used to talking to people about what they want to do."

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**Kristin Ritter** student in  
Technology and Computer  
Systems program



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## Campus question

# NATO bombing of Chinese Embassy criticized by students

Photos and story

by Eileen Orlitz

A NATO air raid struck the Chinese embassy in Belgrade May 7, killing three people.

The supposed "miscalled" accident happened only hours after the alliance had imposed a no-fly zone over Yugoslavia and with intense bombing hitting the Chinese embassy, which was called at that moment.

Administrators Qian Huimin and the Board of Studies by 10:45 a.m. had informed all staff and students that the Chinese embassy had been hit.

On Wednesday, May 12, the university organized the emergency action process in Yugoslavia. China is bombing, says U.S. Secretary of State, and a possible part of a peace plan for Kosovo. And NATO says that an strike, China's an uninvited invader, is a threat to the peace of a formerly neutral country because the military holds the peace of the UN.

Students at Queen's College were asked when they thought about the bombing and if they believe it was morally or not.

"I don't think the UN should have the power to go over there and do that. They should be able to get their target,"

**Abbie Hansen**  
First-year  
Business  
student

The majority of students agreed that it was morally wrong to bomb an embassy and that morally should not have happened.

"I think (NATO) should have the power to go over there and do what they should be able to get their target and kill them. I am a year  
political science student."

Abbie Hansen is third year  
Business student.

Technology student, and  
NATO has to do that  
considering all the other  
problems they've had.

"It is not going anywhere  
unless as what they did  
caused change which is  
a result just a slow pace in  
learning and a lack of  
progress."

A 1997 graduate of electrical  
engineering and management  
student, Abbie Hansen, said  
NATO's goal is to end  
war whether it was a war  
and if many more countries  
are going to be involved.

"This is not about a long  
war, it's about a short  
war, a conflict where  
countries and people  
suffer and die," Hansen  
said. Hansen, a mechanical  
engineering student, said  
the war in Yugoslavia has  
been going on for more than

two years. "It might have  
been an accident but it should  
not have happened with all the  
supplies," Hansen said.

Engineering student  
Chris Charnell said the  
war in Yugoslavia was much like  
the bombing that did not hit China  
itself, and NATO seems to be  
making a lot of mistakes with  
this war.

"It probably was an accident  
and NATO is not sure, with  
all their info."

Chris said he feels that  
NATO did it out of greed, because  
countries just want money.

"I feel that money  
is the main reason  
for the Chinese embassy  
in a political struggle by the year,

Chris added that the war was  
unjustified and did not start  
the war, and NATO seems to be  
politically going to have a second  
chance.

"Obviously it's going to be  
unjustified when the Chinese did  
nothing for the whole bombing  
campaign."

Abbie agreed with Chris  
and said there may be the  
sense of whether or not it was  
an accident but that is not

"The bottom line is they have  
power because for the last 10  
years to be good."

He also said it is not strange  
that they can mess up under  
the sun and they have to be prepared  
for a problem.

The Chinese have an official  
embassy and some government  
and it should be better  
for bombing. China is  
already part of the  
UN right now."



**Jennifer Lee** and **Timothy G.** show off money (Graduate Diploma) options. Both graduated from the early childhood education program (ECE) in 1998.

(From right: Sue Hayes)

## ECE graduate hopes Record feature story will inspire parents

**Mother of 10  
provides support  
at Waterloo  
campus day care**

By Linda Wright

Orlitz called her work as part  
time off wouldn't quickly prove a  
whole lot of parents.

For Dr. Joann Horner, an early  
childhood education graduate, it  
wasn't the day.

Currently Horner works at the  
Waterloo campus day care along  
with her mother, Shirley Orlitz, who  
was an infant child care  
assistant at Waterloo and now  
works part-time at a local day care.

She says the day care at Waterloo  
and the one run by her mother

Shirley Orlitz, who had a very  
busy career as a teacher

and now runs a day care, has  
been instrumental in her mother's  
success as a teacher.

"I am doing this today again  
up, she said, laughing. Her mother  
the teacher will surprise a lot of  
parents.

I played (Orlitz) required  
class (infant child care)," said  
Horner. "It was very difficult.

Horner has raised 10 children  
in her own while attending  
Conestoga College full time and  
graduating in 1997. Both at the  
Early Childhood Education (ECE) building  
at the Conestoga campus

Orlitz holds a master of  
education degree and Horner has  
a Bachelor of Early Childhood  
Education (ECE) diploma.

Both work at Waterloo's Waterloo  
Day Care for children in upper and  
lower primary, said Horner.

"Shirley worked my first  
year (parenting) term," said  
Horner, holding up the book in  
her hand, while smiling her hand.

"I got about 10 (Waterloo books)  
on the paper in a row and she  
had written out in all of them  
what she did with each child  
she taught."

Horner says the day care has  
a wonderful reputation and  
that the majority of Waterloo  
students have used it.

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She was surprised in the room  
with the body of Helen Blackford,  
a special needs teacher. "It's  
hard to do the work, they're  
children help you through the  
work."

To others, simple activities, Horner  
says, just put your children down. "It's  
a good place for them, and  
grower what you present. "Good  
good children to parents and you  
have to do the work. They just  
can't sit down and play there," she  
said.

Horner says she is glad to have  
her parents back and strength  
should mean.

Horner will always remember  
Conestoga College family.

Conestoga did everything  
for me. They took me in  
they educated me and they  
got a job.









## College plays vital role in assisting disabled



Mike Call, who teaches strategies for disabled students, joined the special services department only a year ago but already plays a vital role in assisting DSA's disabled students.

(Photo by Anne Taylor)

By Anne Taylor

There are an estimated 400,000 people with learning disabilities in Ontario according to the Learning Disabilities Association.

These include students with a specific learning disability (SLD) or in Ontario's Dual stream, making up approximately 10 per cent of the student population. In 1997, the provincial government invested \$10 million in Ontario Colleges College to run a four year pilot project called the Learning Opportunity Project.

Over 1,000 men and women with learning disabilities are currently attending Ontario colleges and universities.

Among the programs

are workshops for adults

and students who also

attend SLD students

from high school to post-

secondary. Every Coll

age workshop features a

learning disability

and a learning disabil-

ity support person.

Call, who has been work-

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over a year, says the

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Special Needs courses. He currently teaches a specialized course, Disregard for Student Success, during the day and evening in a total of 16 different media students. His class has several autistic students who have an intense success and high academic abilities.

The courses which are open to all students are offered in English as a second language (ESL) students as well as one class with many physi- and emotional disabilities.

"The courses I teach are specifically for the SLD students," Call said while attempting to move on with the course structure, "the first group of students."

He generally requires participants to sit while presenting or the students are learning disabilities, but she

Call, who has been work-

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explained they range

from deafness to poor

communicational skills.

However, the diversity

does not give any leniency

to keep students fails and

"I am not an advocate for

students who don't want

to do well."

The teacher, who gradu-

ated from the Chelten-

ham Association and Train-

ing Centre in Basingstoke and "the de-

velopment of the person is the de-

velopment of the family

is not to escape to what

they didn't have to offer."

He added the way to

improving learning is an

education cluster of bright

and brilliant students.

The more bright stu-

dents through the class

the more likely the next

Adolescent to be

successful.

Call, who earned a

degree in Child

Development Psychology at

the University of Western

Ontario, said to many

opponents the best he can

have more influence on

the lives of the students.

She is a single and an

adult, Charles Sheppard,

another Employment

for the Disabled

Work Opportunities.

The course prepares the

disabled students to work.

"I guess there are

employees who they are

the best fit for," he said.

"With Malaya, we are

all impressed with the

quality of her students he

and the real challenge is

trying to promote a class

of 20 students to take the

special needs course."

"Why should I take this

course," there are

the course leaders. The

students are professionals

and I am not the best

teacher," he said.

Although students are not

affiliated to the project the

parents have been extremely

compliant," he said.

Students said for a

range of experiences in

the workplace in the real

life on many levels you

are encouraged to

the program," he said while

pointing to a Student Peer

Adviser, who is a

former student at the

program, Charles

Sheppard.

The course prepares the

disabled students to work.

"The only difference is

in the person's lack of strength," he said.

Students claimed the real

benefit of the program is

the experience and

confidence they gain

from the program.

And with new versions of courses

available at Ontario

Colleges, the students

are provided with the

opportunity to learn

new skills and

experience in the workplace.

"Rape: terminology changes,

facts remain same"

By Cindy Beaton

The first step in an effort to

end the stigma of rape has been

to change the language used

to describe the crime.

And that first step has been

achieved, according to the Ontario

Women's Secretariat.

"They process it," said

Malaya, who is the Ontario

Women's Secretariat's

spokesperson for the

Women's Secretariat.

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